National Institute of Rehabilitation training and research

1531. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate given to the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research;

(b) the number of training courses conducted during the last one year; and

(c) the number of courses which provided for self-employment and technical know how and also newer markets and products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The mandate of the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research is:—

(i) Training for the rehabilitation personnel;

(ii) Development of service modules research on biomedical engineering & medical procedures for Orthopaedically handicapped.

(b) The Institute conducted 6 long term and 17 short term courses last year.

(c) All the above courses provide for self-employment as well as employment in Government and private sector. The graduates and post graduates professional passing out from the institute get employment in rehabilitation production companies, District Rehabilitation Centres etc. and a few have started their own clinics and production units.

Inclusion in Scheduled Castes Category

†1532. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have sent a proposal to Government to include blacksmith, potter, barber and 'Kanu' caste in Scheduled Castes category;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Declaration of hindus as minorities

1533. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Notification dated the 23rd October, 1993 with regard to the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 has defined only five communities as minorities-Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis);

(b) whether the Government are aware that in at least 5 States like Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Hindus are in minority; and

(c) if so, whether in these States Hindus would fall within the purview of the National Commission for Minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Reservation in Private Sector

†1534. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether major industrial houses of the country have written to Government denying job reservation to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such industrial houses; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

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